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## FUND'S GRANTS SUPPORT DENTISTRY, AGRICULTURE

NEW YORK -- Recipients of two emergency grants by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief are a Bangladesh dentist and an agricultural training school in Zimbabwe.

A grant of \$3,740 to Thomas D. Mondol, who is completing his dental training at De Ocampo Memorial College in Manila, The Philippines, will enable him to purchase basic dental equipment and supplies when he returns to his native Bangladesh to practice dentistry. The son of an Anglican priest, Mondol had earlier planned to continue his studies in the United States but has now decided to go directly to his homeland to begin his practice in that impoverished country of more than 80 million people, only 20 percent of whom have any education at all.

The request for this grant had the endorsement of Bishop Constancio Mañguramas of the Episcopal Diocese of the Southern Philippines.

An emergency grant of \$5,000 was approved by the Fund to assist in the purchase of land in Zimbabwe by the Kushinga-Phikezela Agricultural Training Institute. The grant is part of a fund of \$86,000 which the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches' Africa Committee are seeking to establish for that project.

The project has the endorsement of President Canaan Banana of Zimbabwe who is looking to the churches to play a vital role in rebuilding the nation.

The Kushinga-Phikezela Agricultural Training Institute will provide a place where armed freedom fighters who are presently in camps can become rehabilitated.

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